

# **COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

**TUESDAY, 23 MAY 2023**

## **Present:-**

Iain Hewson (Chairman)  
Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr. Shabbir Aslam	Cllr. Helen Gambardella	Cllr. Dillan Shikotra
Cllr. Royston Bayliss	Cllr. Hannah Gill	Cllr. Mike Shirley
Cllr. Lee Breckon JP	Cllr. Nigel Grundy	Cllr. Roger Stead
Cllr. Nick Brown	Cllr. Paul Hartshorn	Cllr. Ben Taylor
Cllr. Nick Chapman	Cllr. Richard Holdridge	Cllr. Matt Tomeo
Cllr. Adrian Clifford	Cllr. Mark Jackson	Cllr. Bob Waterton
Cllr. Stuart Coar	Cllr. Becca Lunn	Cllr. Bev Welsh
Cllr. Luke Cousin	Cllr. Antony Moseley	Cllr. Geoff Welsh
Cllr. Roy Denney	Cllr. Les Phillimore	Cllr. Maggie Wright
Cllr. Susan Findlay	Cllr. Terry Richardson	Cllr. Neil Wright
Cllr. Janet Forey	Cllr. Tracey Shepherd	

## **Officers present:-**

Julia Smith	- Chief Executive
John Richardson	- Executive Director
Louisa Horton	- Corporate Services Group Manager & Monitoring Officer
Caroline Harbour	- Environmental Health, Housing, Net Zero & Community Services Group Manager
Paul Coates	- Neighbourhood Services & Assets Group Manager
Lisa Boland	- Service Transformation Group Manager
Sandeep Tiensa	- Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer
Katie Brooman	- Senior Electoral Services Officer
Isaac Thomas	- Democracy Support Officer

## **Apologies:-**

Cllr. Tony Deakin, Cllr. Alex DeWinter and Cllr. Jane Wolfe

### **1. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS**

No disclosures were received.

## **2. OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman, Iain Hewson made announcements in respect of the following:

- On 11 May 2023, attending the celebration of the King's coronation at St Mary de Castro Church in Leicester, on behalf of Blaby District Council.
- The Chairman thanked the Senior Leadership Team and officers for the help and assistance he had received. He also thanked his fellow Councillors and his wife for their support over the years.
- The Chairman thanked the Senior PA Nicky Brown, and colleagues for their support in managing the Chairman's events, and announced that £2,525 was raised on behalf of his nominated charity, the Community First Responders.

The Leader, Cllr. Terry Richardson, thanked the Chairman for his service to the Council.

## **3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The outgoing Chairman Iain Hewson invited nominations for the election of Chairman of Blaby District Council for the ensuing year.

### **DECISION**

That Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore be elected Chair of Blaby District Council, until the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held in 2024.

## **4. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.**

Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore read out the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked Members for the privilege and honour of being elected Chair.

Members congratulated Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore on being elected Chair of the Council.

## **5. INVESTITURE OF CHAIRMAN WITH CHAIN OF OFFICE**

Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore was invested with the Chain of Office for the Chairman of the Council.

**6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The new Chair thanked all Members for electing her as Chair.

The new Chair announced that her nominated Charity would be Leicester Animal Aid in Huncote and that her consorts would be her husband Anthony Cashmore, Sharon Coe and Louise Richardson.

**7. PRESENTATION OF PAST CHAIRMAN'S BADGE TO OUTGOING CHAIRMAN**

Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore presented Iain Hewson with the Past Chairman's Badge and on behalf of the Council thanked him for his successful years in Office.

**8. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

The Chair of the Council invited nominations for the Vice- Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Cllr. Nick Chapman was duly nominated.

**DECISION**

That Cllr. Nick Chapman be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the 2023 - 2024 Municipal Year.

**9. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Cllr. Nick Chapman read out the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and thanked Members for being elected as Vice-Chairman of the Council.

**10. INVESTITURE OF VICE-CHAIRMAN WITH CHAIN OF OFFICE**

Cllr. Nick Chapman was invested with the Chain of Office for the Vice-Chairman of the Council.

**11. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2023, as circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

**12. ELECTION OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Considered – Report of the Senior Democratic Services Officer on the

election of the Leader of the Council pursuant to Part 4, Section 1.1(f) of the Council's Constitution.

**DECISION**

That Cllr . Terry Richardson be elected Leader of the Council until the first Annual Council Meeting following the 2027 District Election.

Reason:

It is a Constitutional requirement to elect the position of the Leader.

**13. LEADER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT**

Cllr. Terry Richardson, Leader of the Council, presented his Statement.

The Leader also commented on the following:

- Thanked Members for his re-election.
- Congratulated the Chief Executive, Julia Smith, for her success in the role of Returning Officer for the first time and thanked everyone involved in the election for their hard work over the election period.
- Reflected upon the history of appointing Honorary Alderman and highlighted the value of upholding this tradition.

**14. SCRUTINY STATEMENT TO ANNUAL COUNCIL 2022-2023**

The Scrutiny Commission Chairman, Cllr. Geoff Welsh presented the Scrutiny Statement.

The Scrutiny Commission Chairman thanked Cllr. Sam Maxwell and Cllr. Roy Denney for their work as Scrutiny Commissioners and outlined the Scrutiny training dates for Members.

**15. DELEGATION SCHEME OF THE CABINET EXECUTIVE & CABINET APPOINTMENTS**

Considered - Report of the Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer.

**DECISIONS**

1. That the report of the Leader of the Council be accepted.
2. That the Constitution be amended accordingly with the updated roles and

responsibilities of Cabinet Executive Members and Senior Leadership Team.

Reason:

It is appropriate to receive the report of the Leader of the Council and the appointment of Members to the Cabinet Executive.

**16. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES 2023/24**

Considered - Report of the Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer.

**DECISIONS**

1. That effect be given to the wishes of the political groups as to the allocation of seats as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.
2. That the distribution of seats as set out at Appendix 2 be endorsed with immediate effect for all Committees of the report.

Reason:

It is appropriate to give effect to the wishes of the political groups and ensure compliance with the Local Government & Housing Act 1989, Section 15 – 17 inclusive.

**17. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN TO COMMITTEES 2023/24**

Considered - Report of the Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer.

**DECISION**

That Council appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair of Committees for the municipal year 2023/2024 as detailed at Appendix A of the report.

Reason:

It is appropriate to give effect to the wishes of the political groups.

**18. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2023/24**

Considered - Report of the Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer.

## **DECISIONS**

1. That the preferences and changes to appointments to Outside Bodies as proposed in Appendix 1 of the report be approved.
2. That unless otherwise stated all appointments continue until the Annual Council Meeting in 2024.
3. That all appointments be endorsed as approved duties for the payment of expenses.
4. That the Constitution be updated accordingly.

Reason:

It is appropriate to give effect to the wishes of the political groups.

### **19. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2023/24**

Considered - Report of the Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer.

## **DECISION**

That the Schedule of Meetings for 2023-2024 attached at Appendix A of the report be approved.

Reason:

It is a Constitutional requirement for Council to approve the Schedule of Meetings.

### **20. PUBLIC SPEAKING PROTOCOL**

No requests were received.

### **21. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

No questions were received.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6.28 P.M.**